GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2447
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ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT MAOIST THREATS
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of any State has requested the assistance of the Union Government to combat 'Maoist' threat in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any undue delay in sending the CRPF team to West Bengal;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): Concerned State Governments take necessary action to deal with naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, assistance for strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Ministries. 32 battalions of Central paramilitary forces and 1 battalion of State Armed Police on inter-State deputation are deployed for anti-naxalite duties in various States to assist the State police forces, which include 1 battalion in West Bengal.

Law and order being a State subject, dealing with problems related thereto primarily lies in the domain of the concerned State Government. Deployment of Central paramilitary forces, in various States, from time to time, depends, inter alia, on the overall law and order situation obtaining and the availability of forces. 6 Companies of Central Reserve Police Force were made available to West Bengal in the first half of November 2007 for assisting the State police forces. There was no delay in deployment.